

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2003 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Great Basin Areas, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 213 new fires were reported. Five new large fires were reported, two in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Rocky Mountain, Alaska and Southern Areas. Six large fires were contained, three in the Northern Rockies Area and one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Eastern and Northwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

An interagency training cadre and military crew advisors are training the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment. Task Force Steel Dragon will be commanded by LTC Gregory Shultz. The Task Force will be deployed to the Fish Creek fire, Lolo National Forest, in Western Montana on August 24.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Ribar) is assigned to manage Fish Creek, Cooney Ridge, Black Mountain 2, Cherry Creek, Gold 1, Mollman, Boles Meadow, Mineral/Primm, and Strawberry Complex. An Area Command Team (Rounsaville) is assigned to manage Lincoln Complex, Winslow, East, Rough Draw, Cathedral Peak, and Burnt Ridge/Sheep Camp Complex. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage Beta Lake-Doris Ridge, Wedge Canyon, Middle Fork Complex, Crazy Horse, High, Robert, Trapper Creek Complex and Little Salmon Creek Complex. An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage Sapp, Fiddle, Beaver Lake, Slim's, Mile Post 59, Cayuse Lake Complex, and Clear/Nez Fire Use Complex.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was active in the morning with short uphill runs and single tree torching. Light precipitation and higher humidity levels in the afternoon moderated fire activity. Structure protection is in place for 195 residences and one commercial property.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is in timber eleven miles east of Florence, MT. Fire behavior was minimal due to an inversion and precipitation. Swartz Creek residences remain evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire activity was limited to creeping ground fire with single tree torching. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

CHERRY CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire, comprised of the Cherry Creek and Tepee Creek fires, is in lodgepole pine and heavy fuel loading, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Fire behavior on the Cherry Creek fire was low due to high humidity levels. Fireline construction is nearly complete on the Tepee Creek fire. Structure protection is in place for 180 residences.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This fire is in heavy timber, nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Fire activity was moderate early in the day under an inversion. Short runs and single and group torching were observed as a storm front moved over the fire. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

MOLLMAN, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Ronan, MT. Active ground fire with group torching, short upslope crown runs and short range spotting was observed. Tribal forests and rangelands are closed.

BOLES MEADOW, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 25 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was moderate with isolated torching, short crowning runs and short range spotting. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

MINERAL/PRIMM, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The fire is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Gusty winds continued to cause torching and active fire behavior along the southeast corner of the fire and in the wilderness. Structure protection is in place for 300 residences.

STRAWBERRY COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Berndt's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will occur on 8/24. This incident, comprised of the Strawberry, Slide Rock, Brewster Creek, and Edelman fires, is in logging slash, 27 miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was minimal; smoldering ground fire was observed on all fires.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Fire activity decreased due to a heavy smoke inversion and light precipitation over both fires. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences and 20 commercial properties.

WINSLOW, Central Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A transfer of command from Blume's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Kearney's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur today. This fire is in timber, five miles southwest of Lakeview, MT. Firefighters were able to hold all perimeters of the fire. Fire behavior included flanking and backing with isolated torching. Structure protection is in place for 30 residences and one commercial property.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is ten miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Fire activity was mostly creeping due to overnight precipitation. The sprinkler system at Fishing Bridge was relocated to the Pahaska Tepee community. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences and 27 commercial properties.

ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT, is comprised of the Rough Draw, Slippery Rock, Speculator 1, Speculator 2, Elbow, Brundage and Hawley fires. Smoldering, creeping and some isolated torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 18 residences and one commercial property.

CATHEDRAL PEAK, Custer National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cathedral Peak and Salderbalm fires, is in timber 10 miles south of Nye, MT. Early morning red flag conditions resulted in a growth of about 70 acres on the Salderbalm fire. Running and crowning were observed. The Cathedral Peak fire remained fairly quiet. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX, Lewis and Clark National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hendricks) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Burnt Ridge, Ant Park, Sheep Camp and Pioneer Ridge fires, is four miles northwest of Neihart, MT. Some torching was observed on the Ant Park fire; all other fires exhibited surface and creeping fire.

BETA LAKE – DORIS RIDGE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. These fires are in timber, five miles south of Hungry Horse, MT. The fires are in close proximity to the Hungry Horse Dam, recreational and communication facilities and powerlines. Fire behavior was moderate with ground spread in heavy fuels and isolated torching. The road to Hungry Horse Dam remains closed.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Interior torching and short runs were observed. The smoke inversion lifted allowing air operations to proceed. Structure protection is in place for 80 residences.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This complex of three fires is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. The fires are being monitored with no suppression actions planned. Isolated torching and ground spread in heavy fuels were observed. Structure protection work was completed on the Lincoln Creek patrol cabin.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels, ten miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Surface fire spread with intermittent torching and flare-ups in unburned islands was observed. Two crews constructed handlines inside the Mission Mountains Wilderness. Structure protection is in place for 225 residences and 15 commercial properties.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Creeping, upslope runs and occasional torching were observed. Spot fires on Stanton Mountain, above the McDonald Creek drainage, became active with multiple flare-ups, torching and spotting when a wind event moved through the area in the afternoon. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and the Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Paul) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. The fires remained in monitor status with no significant perimeter growth. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 20 fires in the complex. Fire runs, occasional torching and active backing were observed. The area received light precipitation in the afternoon. Structure protection is in place for six residences.

SAPP, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is in timber and grass, 22 miles south/southeast of Elk City, ID. Creeping ground fire was observed. Burn out operations were completed along the Whitewater Ranch Road. Structure protection is in place for 22 residences and one commercial property.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Moose Lake, Lily Lakes, North Howard and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior decreased due to higher humidity levels, lower temperatures, decreased winds and persistent inversions. Single and group torching, short uphill runs and short range spotting were observed before rain fell in the afternoon. All fires received a wetting rain. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 24 commercial properties.

SLIM'S COMPLEX, Nez Perce National Forest. A transfer of command from Rios' Type 2 Incident Management Team to Sexton's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur today. This complex is comprised of the Slim's and Poet Branch fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. The Poet Branch fire was very active before rain fell. The rain reduced fire activity on both fires, but interior burning was still observed.

MILEPOST 59, Maggie Creek Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Beauchamp) is assigned. This fire is in brush, grass, mixed conifer timber and slash, five miles northwest of Kamiah, ID. Highway 12 was reopened. Light rain fell across most of the fire limiting fire activity to smoldering. Structure protection is in place for 16 residences.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There are 20 fires in the complex. The proximal location is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID. Light rain fell over the incident area resulting in minimal fire activity.

WINDMILL COMPLEX, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Windmill, Aspen, Old Bear and Little Hawk fires. This incident is in ponderosa pine, sagebrush and rangelands, 17 miles east of Hardin, MT. Fire activity was low. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences.

BLACKFOOT LAKE, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, 15 miles southeast of Hungry Horse. Fire behavior was moderate. Short runs with general torching and crowning was observed. The Jewel Basin Recreation Area remained closed. Roads on both sides of the Hungry Horse Reservoir were also closed.

BALL CREEK, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Big Fork, MT. Continued short crown runs and short range spotting were observed.

UNION, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 35 miles east of Ashton, ID. Fire behavior was low due to increased humidity levels and lower temperatures.

TYSON, Yellowstone National Park. This fire is in timber, 50 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity was low due to high humidity levels.

RATHBONE, Gallatin National Forest. This fire is in timber, 17 miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. Isolated torching along the perimeter and interior, smoldering and creeping were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	25,000	0	UNK	595	13	36	4	0	3.2M
COONEY RIDGE	MT	SWS	21,481	35	9/15	837	23	47	5	0	3.7M
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	6,761	70	8/28	1,086	26	68	7	5	5.3M
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	4,088	74	UNK	398	12	3	6	0	5.6M
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	7,988	20	UNK	447	11	10	3	0	3.3M
MOLLMAN	MT	FHA	145	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	21K
BOLES MEADOW	MT	SWS	4,050	80	8/24	752	19	29	3	0	5.0M
MINERAL/PRIMM	MT	LNF	16,000	25	UNK	724	18	29	4	0	2.5M
STRAWBERRY COMPLEX	MT	LNF	1,021	90	8/23	297	9	6	2	0	1.7M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	33,252	10	UNK	626	16	38	0	0	2.5M
WINSLOW	MT	CES	10,115	25	UNK	381	8	21	2	0	2.1M
EAST	WY	YNP	20,500	25	UNK	711	20	10	5	0	3.2M
ROUGH DRAW COMPLEX	MT	GNF	2,675	20	UNK	482	7	20	6	0	4.7M
CATHEDRAL PEAK	MT	CNF	1,230	3	UNK	213	2	10	3	0	2.1M
BURNT RIDGE SHEEP CAMP COMPLEX	MT	LCF	1,688	39	UNK	483	19	23	1	0	1.3M
BETA LAKE – DORIS	MT	FNF	485	0	9/15	104	4	4	0	0	30K
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	41,600	60	9/15	479	7	15	2	36	24.6
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	955	0	9/15	21	1	0	0	0	1K
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	10,132	30	UNK	585	10	54	3	0	5.5M
ROBERT	MT	FNF	44,372	50	9/20	535	7	27	4	3	18.5M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	25,590	65	9/5	21	1	0	0	1	3.4M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX – WFU	MT	FNF	30,906	N/A	N/A	78	0	0	1	1	1.4M
SAPP	ID	NPF	9,500	0	UNK	229	8	7	0	0	507K
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	22,397	35	UNK	1,213	34	57	4	0	8.4M
SLIM'S COMPLEX	ID	NPF	14,147	65	8/25	325	8	7	6	0	15.7M
MILEPOST 59	ID	MCS	8,142	95	8/23	378	13	12	0	1	2.9M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	ID	CWF	9,834	N/A	N/A	7	0	0	0	0	244K
WINDMILL COMPLEX	MT	CRA	30,020	90	8/23	547	15	35	2	1	2.5M
BLACKFOOT LAKE	MT	FNF	500	0	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	60K
BALL CREEK	MT	FNF	300	0	UNK	23	1	0	0	0	10K
UNION	WY	YNP	762	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	7.2K
TYSON	WY	YNP	149	90	8/23	23	1	0	1	0	110K
CAYUSE LAKE - WFU	ID	CWF	9,321	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	1	0	21K
RATHBONE	MT	GNF	152	40	UNK	92	3	0	2	0	240K
HOBBLE	MT	SOS	38,320	100	---	203	1	37	0	15	3M
CRAIG II	MT	NCA	9,180	100	---	613	19	27	0	2	1.8M
EASTERN MONTANA COMPLEX	MT	MCD	21,320	100	---	427	8	66	0	0	1.3M

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

NCA = Northern Cheyenne Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

MCD = Miles City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Marble and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Smoldering and creeping were observed. The North Fork Lick fire is in monitor status; containment efforts are focused on the Marble fire. Structure protection is in place for 123 residences and two commercial properties.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Smoldering with interior isolated torching was observed. Area roads remain closed to the public.

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is in timber, grass and brush, seven miles south of Salmon, ID. High humidity and light rain minimized fire activity.

RICHARDSON, Payette National Forest. This fire is in timber, ten miles east of Dixie, ID. Group tree torching, spotting and crown runs were observed. The fire is currently un-staffed. Structure protection for one residence is in place.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the Cougar, Marble, Prospect, Mahoney, Teapot, Falconberry and Trapper fires, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. The fires continued to burn in downed fuels with occasional torching.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	8,219	10	UNK	256	4	4	6	0	4.8M
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	6,950	90	8/23	355	10	14	2	0	3.3M
WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	10,500	95	UNK	426	16	7	2	0	2.7M
RICHARDSON	ID	PAF	120	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX - WFU	ID	SCF	26,860	N/A	N/A	87	3	0	2	6	400K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	715	0	9/30	2	0	0	0	0	23K
MOSS RIDGE - WFU	WY	BTF	2,180	N/A	N/A	18	0	0	0	0	10K
CLEAR CREEK - WFU	WY	BTF	240	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	89K
FRANK CHURCH - WFU	ID	PAF	3,361	N/A	N/A	33	2	0	1	0	276K
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	5,545	100	---	287	6	2	4	0	4.5M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. The fires are in timber with heavy ground fuels. Fire behavior moderated due to light precipitation. Active fire with creeping and some torching was observed in rain-sheltered fuels. The community of Camp Sherman was evacuated; structure protection is in place for 1,000 residences and 200 commercial properties.

TOGO MOUNTAIN, Colville National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Danville, WA. Moderate fire behavior was observed. Structure protection is in place for 61 Canadian residences.

LIGHTNING COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Morcom) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Grouse Creek, Hass Ridge and Two Corral fires, 31 miles east of Joseph, OR. Minimal fire activity was observed due to rain and light fuels. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

WILCOX, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) will assume command today. This fire is in timber, brush and grass, 15 miles northeast of Tonasket, WA. Active fire with spotting was observed. Firefighters made significant progress yesterday. One residence has been evacuated. Structure protection is in place for 50 residences and one commercial property.

HAZEL MOUNTAIN, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is in grass, brush and sub-alpine fir, 16 miles southwest of Enterprise, OR. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	24,290	0	UNK	1,122	25	45	0	3	365K
TOGO MOUNTAIN	WA	COF	5,136	20	8/26	904	27	36	10	0	3.8M
LIGHTNING COMPLEX	OR	WWF	11,000	2	8/25	484	17	19	2	0	358K
WILCOX	WA	OWF	500	60	8/23	181	9	36	2	0	NR
NOCA COMPLEX- WFU	WA	NCP	220	N/A	N/A	26	0	0	3	0	40K
HAZEL MOUNTAIN – WFU	OR	WWF	470	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BIRCH CREEK RIM	OR	VAD	750	100	---	NR	1	5	1	0	NR

VAD = Vale District, Bureau of Land Management

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOULDER BASIN 2, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Gold) has been ordered. This fire is in grass, sagebrush and timber, 37 miles southwest of Cody, WY. Fire behavior decreased from yesterday; active fire and isolated torching were observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and 20 commercial properties.

BLACKWATER, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is in timber with heavy ground fuels, 30 miles west of Cody, WY. Fire activity diminished from yesterday. Isolated interior torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for ten residences and two commercial properties.

FOUR RIM, Rock Springs Field Office (Southwest Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in timber, grass and brush, 32 miles southeast of Rock Springs, WY. Torching, sustained crown runs and spotting up to one half mile in front of the head were observed. Structure protection is in place for one residence and two commercial properties.

NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Little Horn 2 and Riley Point fires, is 35 miles northwest of Sheridan, WY. No new information was reported.

WEST CHIMNEY ROCK, Rawlins Field Office (South Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine, limber pine, sagebrush and mountain shrubs, 34 miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Fire behavior was minimal with some larger fuels still burning. Structure protection is in place for twelve residences and one commercial property.

SAWTOOTH, Routt National Forest. This fire is in blow-down and bug-killed spruce, 20 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs, CO. Smoldering in heavy fuels was observed.

NORRIS, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 35 miles west of Cody, WY. The fire is currently un-staffed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOULDER BASIN 2	WY	SHF	14,500	0	9/15	214	8	11	4	0	150K
BLACKWATER	WY	SHF	300	30	9/15	116	5	0	1	0	75K
FOUR RIM	WY	RSD	450	30	UNK	12	0	2	0	0	NR
NORTH BIGHORN COMPLEX	WY	BHF	8,250	75	UNK	182	2	11	2	1	3.2M
WEST CHIMNEY ROCK	WY	RAD	200	98	UNK	50	1	5	1	0	90K
SAWTOOTH	CO	RTF	200	10	UNK	35	1	0	1	0	290K
NORRIS	WY	SHF	3,600	0	9/1	0	0	0	0	0	250K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KIBBIE COMPLEX – WFU	CA	YNP	240	N/A	N/A	2	0	0	0	0	5K
WILLIAMS FIRE- WFU	CA	KNP	550	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	0	0	18K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	995	N/A	N/A	16	1	0	1	0	74K
COONEY – WFU	CA	SQF	1,570	N/A	N/A	14	2	0	0	0	75K

SQF = Sequoia National Forest KNP = Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP STF = Stanislaus National Forest
 YNP = Yosemite National Park

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES

OS-5, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Fish & Wildlife Service. This fire is in tall grass, four miles west of Hackberry, LA. Extreme fire behavior was observed.

BITTERWEED, Oklahoma Division of Forest. This fire is in eastern red cedar, hardwood timber and heavy logging slash, 12 miles north of Antlers, OK. Active surface fire with occasional flare-ups was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OS-5	LA	SBR	769	60	0	7	0	2	1	0	NR
BITTERWEED	OK	OKS	200	90	8/23	10	0	4	0	0	NR

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES

BLACK HILLS, Alaska Division of Forestry. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident which began on July 15th is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is 14 miles southeast of Northway, AK. Active fire behavior making several run on the last few days. Currently the fire is in the Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve as well as the Tetlin Refuge.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACK HILLS – WFU	AK	AKS	41,600	N/A	N/A	5	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
6 MILE GRADE FIRE	MN	MNS	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	3K

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: In the northern Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming, Montana east of the divide and North Dakota for strong gusty winds and thunderstorms.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure area will move across northern Idaho this morning, as a cold front extends through the Northwest later today. Showers and thunderstorms left over in northwest Montana and northern Idaho will make their way into Canada early today. As a cold front crosses the northwest quadrant of the country, winds will increase and become gusty. Drier and cooler air will also filter into the northwest states behind the frontal passage.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Gusty winds with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Idaho: 70s Montana: 75 to 85 west and 80s east North Dakota: 80s west and 90s east	Idaho: 35 to 45% Montana: 20 to 35% North Dakota: 25 to 35%	Idaho: west 5 to 15 mph. Montana: west 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts. North Dakota: west 10 to 20 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Generally dry and a little warmer. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: Scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 65 to 75 mountains, 75 to 85 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 68 to 80 higher elevations, 80 to 93 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 18 to 27% valleys, 23 to 40% mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: 14 to 30% valleys, 22 to 40% mountains.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest or upslope 5 to 15 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest or upslope 5 to 15 mph. Gusty winds near storms.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Becoming Partly Cloudy with isolated to scattered thunderstorms. A few storms could be dry over northern Wyoming and western South Dakota.	Upper 80s to mid 90s lower elevations, Mid 70s to mid 80s in the mountains.	15 to 19% northeast Wyoming, with 19 to 29% elsewhere.	South to southwest 10 to 25 mph over Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and eastern Colorado. Variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
NORTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms northeast Oregon	Mid 60s and 70s. A lower 80s east of the Cascades	30 to 50% west of the Cascades and 15 to 30% east of the Cascades	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning low clouds and fog near the shore. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with afternoon cumulus buildups over the peaks and ridges.	Low 60s to low 70s coastal areas, low 70s to low 80s upper elevations, and low 80s to low 90s lower elevations.	Above 60% coastal areas, 25 to 40% inland, except 20 to 35% east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, with occasional gusts to 25 mph east of the Cascade-Sierra crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 85 to 100 upper desert. 95 to 110 low desert.	15 to 30% desert. 15 to 30% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southwest 5 to 15 mph.

<p>SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms, most numerous Arizona and New Mexico.</p>	<p>70 to 80 mountains, around 85 to near 106 lower elevations.</p>	<p>20 to 30% most areas, 30% and above southeast New Mexico and west Texas.</p>	<p>Variable to upslope 5 to 15 mph, except east to southeast 10 to 20 mph across New Mexico and Texas.</p>
<p>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny with a slight chance of afternoon wet thunderstorms in the far south.</p>	<p>80s to mid 90s in the lower elevations, mid 70s to mid 80s in upper elevations.</p>	<p>10 to 20% north, 20 to 35% south & Sierras.</p>	<p>Southwest 10 mph with afternoon gusts to 20 mph.</p>



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ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES	1	7			18	18	44
	ACRES	1	0			3	0	4
Southern California	FIRES		2			11	11	24
	ACRES		0			0	11	11
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	0		2	10	22	49
	ACRES	174	4,617		1,227	1,127	6,292	13,437
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12		1	7	6	26
	ACRES		8		1	1	195	205
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1			3	16	22
	ACRES	0	0			2	4	6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	18			2	3	24
	ACRES	1	2			1	6,004	6,008
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					6	1	7
Southern Area	FIRES			0		11		11
	ACRES			1,665		270		1,935
TOTAL	FIRES	19	43	0	3	64	84	213
	ACRES	176	4,627	1,665	1,228	1,410	12,508	21,614

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	376	12	435
	ACRES	20	40,271	269,573	3,712	258,503	2	572,081
Northwest	FIRES	200	183	10	37	1,297	947	2,674
	ACRES	17,867	14,963	9	20	44,369	149,921	227,149
Northern California	FIRES	102	65	7	6	1,773	658	2,611
	ACRES	54	11,579	2	6,511	18,260	16,554	52,960
Southern California	FIRES	50	96	10	46	2,047	664	2,913
	ACRES	854	2,524	360	218	32,484	6,908	43,348
Northern Rockies	FIRES	811	57	31	74	766	1,356	3,095
	ACRES	56,134	112,035	22,865	63,169	123,780	201,278	579,261
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	52	699	4	35	547	815	2,152
	ACRES	18,460	131,688	1,060	2,633	28,823	126,350	309,014
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	366	1	11	109	134	626
	ACRES	1	10,885	0	5	1,938	2,865	15,694
Southwest	FIRES	777	174	5	54	793	1,903	3,706
	ACRES	36,558	5,878	284	3,550	14,853	202,403	263,526
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	166	727	39	42	942	581	2,497
	ACRES	13,370	14,302	1,963	778	16,348	40,638	87,399
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	21	9,130	442	10,564
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	109,279	5,537	174,577
Southern Area	FIRES	128		42	11	11,353	326	11,860
	ACRES	21,323		9,991	756	183,632	8,800	224,502
TOTAL	FIRES	3,197	2,381	237	347	29,133	7,838	43,133
	ACRES	216,827	344,125	312,997	82,037	832,269	761,256	2,549,511

Ten Year Average Fires	60,257
Ten Year Average Acres	3,338,402

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					18		18
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						80	80
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	80	98

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	17	3		217	369
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,484	123		29,008	52,700
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	232	308
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,300	118,154
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		311	16	452	201	1,003
	ACRES	10,562		56,486	1,823	78,537	26,889	174,297
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,199	14,758
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	923,126	1,886,963
TOTAL	FIRES	172	176	894	133	13,669	2,561	17,605
	ACRES	43,733	47,132	240,296	106,508	848,220	1,073,058	2,358,947

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						151	151
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				39		21	60
	ACRES				665		2,566	3,231
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		61	64
	ACRES				602		40,424	41,026
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		16	20
	ACRES				365		13,275	13,640
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		17	25
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		22		2		3	27
	ACRES		1,544		0		1,869	3,413
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	28	0	65	0	124	217
	ACRES	0	1,546	0	7,830	0	217,894	227,270

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	11	7,709	2,163	167,259
Yukon Territory	0	0	69	32,411
Alberta	1	0	990	48,989
Northwest Territory	1	5	157	124,846
Saskatchewan	2	0	573	123,539
Manitoba	5	0	1,086	389,694
Ontario	0	1	836	300,343
Quebec	0	42	635	69,759
Newfoundland	3	250	158	24,893
New Brunswick	2	0	183	185
Nova Scotia	0	0	243	1,287
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	1,732	88	127,950
Total	30	9,106	7,181	1,411,153

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska									5	
Northwest	38	90	35	165	7	15			507	583
Northern California	4	2	16	1	2	1				
Southern California	12		14		6	1			20	
Northern Rockies	216	156	194	588	36	57			2265	1729
Eastern Great Basin	26	21	25	27	24	3			376	90
Western Great Basin			3		1					
Southwest		1							1	
Rocky Mountain	22		29	37	8				18	8
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area				5						2
Total	318	270	316	823	84	77	0	0	3195	2412

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